



Proclaiming the Gospel

National Ministries' **Personal and Public Witness** unit focuses on helping American Baptists proclaim the gospel. Because personal witnessing is central to that proclamation, we offer resources which enable Christians to examine the meaning of their faith and to be able to share it with others. A program emphasis on personal decision and life-style speaks to the wholeness of the Christian experience. It reminds us that the decision of a person in response to Christ changes one's relationship to all of life; it calls for daily decisions which are reflected in life-style.

Proclamation is both personal and public. As a part of its public witness, the church expresses its concern about critical social issues. Through programs related to the United Nations, governmental relations, peace, and constituency education, National Ministries offers to American Baptists resources for understanding public policy issues and supporting effective action for change.

As an expression of its public witness, the church also responds to major social changes of our day. Programs of the Personal and Public Witness unit support congregations as they reach out to:

- people exploring new ways of life based on love, ecology, and a simpler life-style;
- men and women discovering new roles and talents and seeking to respond to the issues of feminism;
- older Americans who are trying to combat discrimination against the aged and discover new possibilities for using their skills and understandings.

